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1. PARA 6 OF REFTTEL DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSIT CIRCLE FACILITY AT BLACK BIRCH, BLENHEIM, NZ. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN PURSUED BY EMBOFF AND WARREN JOHNSON, PACNAVAFACENGCOM SURVEY TEAM LEADER, WITH ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, W. JOHN WENDELKEN. (FYI: NZ LAW CHARGES THE COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR SITE DEVELOPMENT. END FYI)

2. IN A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY DATED JUNE 12, COMMISSIONER WENDELKEN HAS ADVISED INTER ALIA: "ON BEHALF OF THIS COMMISSION, I CANNOT SEE ANY NEED AT THIS

STAGE FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF THE DOCUMENT, RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, AND OUR AUDIT ON THE PROPOSAL'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. . . . HOWEVER, AS ONE OF THE CRITERIA LISTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROCEDURES REQUIRES THAT PROPOSERS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL WHEN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS PREPARED, THERE REMAINS THE POSSIBILITY THAT PUBLIC INTEREST COULD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN OBTAINING APPROVAL FOR THE PROJECT. . . . SHOULD YOU WISH, YOU MAY IN ANY STATEMENT MADE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT, IN MY VIEW, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AN IMPACT REPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED. . . ."

3. A COPY OF THE WENDELKEN LETTER HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO SURVEY TEAM LEADER JOHNSON AND IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (EA/ANP) AND PACNAVFACENGCOM.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PLANNING FOR THE FACILITY PROCEED UNDER THE EXPECTATION THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR REPORT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. IT REMAINS A POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, AS CITED BY WENDELKEN (" . . . PUBLIC INTEREST COULD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN OBTAINING APPROVAL FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT. . ."), THAT A FUTURE REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ISSUE WITH THE COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MIGHT BE INDICATED. IN THIS RESPECT, THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN EARLY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FACILITY, ISSUED ON OUR OWN TERMS RATHER THAN IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CRITICISM, IS TIMELY AND IMPORTANT (SEE PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTEL). HEALY

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